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FACTS ABOUT MAGNOLIA HOMESTEADS

Official Name:	Magnolia Homesteads
Location:	In Lauderdale County, east-central Mississippi, 4.5 miles from Meridian.
Number of Units:	25
History of Projects:	Magnolia Homesteads were initiated by the Subsistence Homesteads Division of the Department of the Interior, December 15, 1933. The project was transferred to the Resettlement Administration by Executive Order on May 15, 1935, and is at the present under the supervision of the Farm Security Administration.
Purpose of Project:	The purpose of the project is to provide better housing and a higher standard of living for families employed, full-and part-time, in the trades and industries of Meridian. Homesteaders will be able to increase their real income through the production of the greater part of their food needs on small farm tracts.
Project Description:	The project includes 273 acres of flat to steeply rolling land, well drained by numerous small streams. The soil is fine sandy loam, adapted to growing corn, cotton, fruit, and truck crops. Homesites average 9 acres. Vegetables, fruit, chickens, livestock, and dairy products will be raised. Each unit has a well house and a combination garage, cowstall, and chicken house. Fencing, shrubbery, and orchards have been provided on each tract. There is a community park surrounding a one-acre lake, and gravel roads and driveways have been built. Water is furnished by individual wells and electric pumps, and septic tanks dispose of sewage. Children are transported to Meridian schools by county bus. Electricity is provided by a private utility.
House Description:	The houses are frame bungalow type buildings on concrete or brick pillars, and are heated by circulation heaters. Each home has modern plumbing and electric wiring. Three houses are three-room, 10 are four-room, and 12 are five-room.